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Transmittal Letter

Sir,

Enclosed herewith is in response to the Office Action mailed this last <u>July 28</u>, <u>2003</u>. A response is due this <u>October 28</u>, <u>2003</u>. Enclosed herewith is a power of attorney to act on behalf of the applicant. Further enclosed is an IDS 1449 and accompanying statement of relevance of prior art material and a check of \$180.00 for submitting the IDS. It is believed that no other fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee is due, please charge this to Deposit Account No. 08-3260.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this October 02, 2003.

Respectfully submitted, SCOTT ROCHLIN,

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multitude of individually fabricated foam pieces, said individually fabricated foam pieces comprising:

- (i) a substantially 100% open cell structure,
- (ii) a cross sectional area having a moment of inertia sufficient enough to allow the foam piece to flexibly bend under pressure applied by a portion of a human body,
- (iii) a strength of material having a level of yield enough to enable the foam piece to repeatedly bounce back to their original shape after removal of pressure applied by a portion of a human body.

Claim 5 (new) The claim as recited in claim 4 wherein the foam pieces have a cylindrical size from approximately 1/4 inches to 1/2 inches in diameter by up to 2 inches long.

Claim 6 (new) The claim as recited in claim 4 wherein the foam pieces have a rectilinear size from approximately 1/4 inches thick by 1/2 inches wide by up to 2 inches long.

Claim 7 (new) The claim as recited in claim 4 wherein the foam pieces have a void space of 97% and where the 97% void space is characterized as 100% open.

Claim 8 (new) The claim as recited in claim 4 wherein the density of the multiple foam pieces within the cushion is between 0.8 pcf and 2.0 pcf.

Claim 9 (new) The claim as recited in claim 4 wherein the individual foam pieces have the ability to last longer without matting than regular open celled polyurethane foam of similar sizes, Claim 10 (new) The claim as recited in claim 7, wherein air can readily pass though the void space of 97% and remove unwanted heat and moisture from within the cushion.

Claim 11 (new) The claim as recited in claim 4 where said multitude of foam pieces having a density adequate enough to provide filtering out of warm and damp air within the pillow, while providing adequate support for the portion of the human body.

REMARKS

It is believed that the claims are in a condition for allowance. The claims recite limitations that are believed to be new useful and nonobvious in light of the prior art.

If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. The Applicant's undersigned attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number set forth below.

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